

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 07-08-14**

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For Work Week Commencing: August 13, 2007
Commission Meeting: August 14, 2007, 8:30 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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8:30 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:00 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Corporation N2007.7.89 (Scott)

On July 25, 2007, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 07-02, to introduce a new service, Call Event and Management Signaling Service (CEMSS) Subscriber. CEMSS Subscriber is a new optional feature which will be offered in Section

10, Miscellaneous Central Office Service. Qwest is requesting approval of this filing effective August 24, 2007. Probable motion: Approve Qwest's Tariff Transmittal 07-02 in Docket N2007.7.89.

2. Citizens Telecommunications N2007.7.91 (Scott)

On July 31, 2007, Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-07-06, Digital Phone Enhanced Feature Pack. The purpose of this filing is to introduce a Digital Phone Enhanced Feature Pack, which includes 5 calling features. The package will be available to new and existing residential customers that subscribe to Citizens' existing Digital Bundle Service. Citizens requests that this filing become effective on August 30, 2007. Probable motion: Approve Citizens' Advice Letter No. MT-07-06 in Docket N2007.7.91.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2007.5.52 – Project Telephone Company, Inc. and Gold Creek Cellular of Montana Limited Partnership dba Verizon Wireless – Interconnection agreement – Discuss and act on the agreement. (8/14/07)
2. D2005.6.105 – PSC Initiated – Qwest USF investigation – Status report, update, Qwest objections, other matters as necessary. (8/14/07)
3. D2006.10.143 – Russell L. Doty and Qwest Customers – Formal complaint against Qwest rates – Consider and act on Qwest's Motion to Reconsider Commission order on Montana Consumer Counsel's Motion to Compel. (8/14/07)
4. D2007.7.82 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Authority to Establish Increased Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates – Discuss and act on NorthWestern's Motion to Bifurcate Proceedings. (8/14/07)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

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1. Qwest D2002.1.1 and D2002.7.91 (Gary)

Qwest Corporation (Qwest) has filed for approval with the Commission interconnection agreement amendments between Qwest and Comtel Assets LP d/b/a VarTec Telecom (D2002.1.1) and Comtel Assets LP d/b/a Excel Telecommunications (D2002.7.91). The amendments in both dockets are identical. The amendment is to Payment Terms and stipulates that failure by Comtel to pay the Cash Cure Payments, according to the Stipulation and Order as approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of North Texas, Dallas Division in Case No. 04-81694-HDH-11, shall constitute an event of default under the interconnection agreements. These amendments were voluntarily negotiated by the parties involved.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM

38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. Firelight Meadows, LLC / HLH, LLC D2007.4.33
(Martin)

A protective order, Order No. 6831a, was issued August 7, 2007, in the above matter, which is a joint application for sale of Firelight Meadows, a water and sewer utility, to HLH.

2. MTPCS LLC dba Chinook Wireless D2007.2.18 (Martin)

A protective order, Order No. 6812b, was issued August 7, 2007, in the above matter, which is an application by Chinook Wireless for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2007.7.82 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for Authority to Increase Natural Gas and Electric Delivery Service Rates (7/31/07)